

Statement in support of Iowa's Rural Electric Cooperatives Stray Electric Current and Agriculture Study Committee Monday, October 28, 2013

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ABI represents a diverse group of businesses, including manufacturers, processors, insurance companies, financial institutions, publishers and printers, transportation services, professional service firms, and utilities, including rural electric cooperatives.

Regarding stray voltage issues considered by the lowa General Assembly, ABI continues to support legislation that includes the following components:

- 1. A science-based standard for stray voltage
- Adequate notice to allow utilities time to react in a positive way to the possible existence of excess stray voltage
- 3. Timely access for utilities to property so the utility can act on that adequate notice and immediately begin testing for excess stray voltage and its source